



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Nebraska State Patrol and the Oak Lawn Police Department (Illinois) announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On February 9, 2010, the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, sentenced Charles McMillin to five years in prison for possession with intent to distribute over 100 kilograms of marijuana. McMillin was also ordered to spend five years on supervised release following completion of his prison sentence.

During the early afternoon of January 7, 2008, McMillin was stopped by a Nebraska State Patrol Trooper for speeding on Interstate 80 outside Lincoln, Nebraska. Upon approaching the vehicle, the trooper noted a strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of over 340 pounds of marijuana and \$3,000.00.

Investigators in Illinois were contacted regarding the discovery and a search warrant was obtained for McMillin's home in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Seized from the home were over 111 pounds of marijuana, drug packaging materials, ledgers and \$26,960.00. All money was ordered forfeited by the courts as drug proceeds.

Name of Defendant: Charles M. McMillin

AKA:

Age: 53

City of residence: Oak Lawn, Illinois

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, at least five but less than 40 years in prison, and/or fine up to \$2,000,000, supervised release of four to five years

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lancaster County, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lancaster County, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 340 pounds of marijuana

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 7, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 9, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: February 12, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): September 20, 2009

Sentencing Date: February 9, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on conditions

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

Initials of Assigned SAUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: JML